

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3802 - HB 3951

March 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from 30 to 36 months the age of a toddler who qualifies for care in a child care agency. Deletes provisions within Tennessee Code Annotated regarding rule and emergency rule making about age categories of children in the care of a child care agency by the Department of Human Services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,650,400

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), increasing the age of toddlers who are receiving care in a child care agency by six months will result in increased staffing costs for providers to meet child to staff ratios. This increase will result in a corresponding cost increase to DHS for children participating in the Child Care Certificate Program.
- Based on the age of the children currently enrolled in the program, DHS estimates that approximately 7,800 children will fall under the provisions of the proposed legislation.
- Per week costs are approximately \$18 per child.
- Twenty-six additional weeks of services (6 months x 4.33 weeks) for 7,800 children will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$3,650,400 (26 weeks x 7,800 children x \$18 per week).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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